

RESOLUTION No. 31

JOINT RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO SESQUI-CENTENNIAL OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA AFTER IT BECAME A STATE, AT NEW BERN, IN THE SPRING OF 1777, THE SAME TO BE HELD AT NEW BERN ON THE DAY OF....., 1927.

Whereas, it is proposed by the citizens of New Bern and of Craven County to commemorate several important historical events of State-wide interest during the period just prior to the Revolution and for some years thereafter, among which was the first Provincial Congress of August the twenty-fifth, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, where the representatives of the people, as such, met for the first time in America in contemptuous defiance of British authority, and where, on May the thirty-first, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, the first of the Royal Governors to do so left the palace at New Bern in compulsory flight to seek refuge on board His Majesty's cruiser off the coast; and the meeting of the first General Assembly after the Declaration of Independence and under the State Constitution at New Bern in the spring of one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven; and,

Whereas, in consonance with the purposes aforesaid it is most desirable that recognition of these historical events of first importance to the State in commemorating the patriotic actions of the fathers be made; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the General Assembly of North Carolina do hereby recognize the signal importance to this Commonwealth of the momentous events enacted by the people of the State under the leadership of the patriotic fathers of that day, and heartily approve the proposed action of the people of New Bern and Craven County in commemorating those great events in North Carolina and American history.

SEC. 2. That the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate are authorized and empowered to appoint a Committee, of which the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House shall be members, to represent this General Assembly on the occasion of the proposed celebration at New Bern.

SEC. 3. That this resolution shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 7th day of March, A. D. 1927.

This resolution deserves reading and thought. It is of too much dignity for casual comment.